Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There is no Sub-Registry office by name Kalavur Sub-Registry Office. There is, however one at Mararikulam near Kalavur. There is no proposal to abolish this Office.

(*b*), (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*) do not arise in view of answer to part (*a*).

Amounts spent for the maintenance of roads.

64. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan**: Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether they have budgeted any amount for the maintenance or repair of village roads;

(*b*) if so, whether they have sanctioned any amount for the purpose for Kartikapalli taluk;

(*c*) if so, what that amount is for the year 1114;

(*d*) what amount of this was spent on each village road;

(*e*) whether the amount sanctioned for each road is diverted for the use of another under any circumstances; and

(*f*) if so, under what circumstances?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar: (*a*). Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Rs. 270.

(*d*), (*e*) and (*f*). The grant for individual village roads is too small to do any substantial or useful works in each and hence the allotment is spent in the best manner possible to substantially improve other roads, in the order of importance.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: In respect of answer to part (*d*), (*e*) and (*f*) may I know whether the maintenance allotment however low it may be might not be utilised to improve and repair the rain damages of village roads irrespective of their importance?

Mr S. Sesha Aiyar: There is no objection to do that.

Supply of drinking water.

65. *** Mr. James Fletcher** (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod cum Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was great scarcity of drinking water during the hot season of 1114 in the southern taluks of Travancore.

(*b*) the number of drinking water wells that were newly sunk in those taluks during the year 1114; and

(*c*) whether they have called for a scheme for the construction of drinking water wells necessary for those taluks during the next five years?

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